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For: ADVANCING/RETRACTING MECHANISM

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 8, 2005, Applicants hereby elect Group I, (claims 1-12), and Species I (Figs. 1-6 and 8-10). Applicants submit that at least claims 1-3 and 7-9 of Group I are generic to Species I and II, and claims 1-12 of Group I read on Species I.

This paper is timely filed. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which should have been submitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 13-2855 of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

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